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Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Great and Awesome God, the members of this legislature give you thanks for the privilege of serving their fellow citizens. We are proud of our heritage as daughters and sons of Massachusetts.

Prayer.

Today we give You thanks for the town that has the distinction of being the first to be incorporated, Concord. Concord was originally known by the Algonquin name of Musketaquid, meaning "grassy plain". The town is perhaps most famous for its role in the beginning of America's Revolutionary War.

Concord also was at one time or another, the home of some of America's most beloved authors: Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Bronson Alcott, Louisa May Alcott and Henry David Thoreau all residing in town during the mid-nineteenth century.

After the development of the Concord grape in 1849, Welch's became the first company in the United States to sell grape juice and the corporation still operates out of Concord.

We pray in a special way for the 18,000 citizens of Concord and for their Representative Cory Atkins.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Nancy Cook on being named the 2017 Roudenbush Community Center Person of the Year;

Nancy
Cook.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Goldstein-Rose of Amherst and other members of the House) commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the ratification of the fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution by the Commonwealth;

Fourteenth
Amendment.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Muradian of Grafton, Rogers of Cambridge, Hecht of Watertown, Lawn of Watertown and Miceli of Wilmington) commending Anthony J. Barsamian on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration;

Anthony
Barsamian.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Muradian of Grafton, Rogers of Cambridge, Hecht of Watertown, Lawn of Watertown and Miceli of Wilmington) commending

Raymond
Flynn.

Ambassador Raymond Flynn on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Muradian of Grafton, Rogers of Cambridge, Hecht of Watertown, Lawn of Watertown and Miceli of Wilmington) commending James M. Kalustian on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration; and

James
Kalustian.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Muradian of Grafton, Rogers of Cambridge, Hecht of Watertown, Lawn of Watertown and Miceli of Wilmington) commending Doctor Ara Nazarian on the occasion of the 2017 Armenian Genocide Commemoration;

Ara
Nazarian.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Mr. Puppolo of Springfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elizabeth C. Cox, an employee of the Department of Public Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Elizabeth C.
Cox,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill providing for the financing of certain improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 2783, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2047, amended (in which the House had non-concurred).

Municipal
roads and
bridges,—
bonds.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators McGee, Keenan and Humason had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth J. Donnelly and James J. Dwyer for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dean Canada, an employee of the Department of Correction, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Dean Canada,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2048) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1190) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to prohibit state licensed mental health professionals from subjecting minors to conversion therapy practices to change sexual orientation and/or gender identity,— and recommending that the

Minors,—
sexual
orientation and
gender identity.

same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Daggett, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2038); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Gary Kellenberger, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2043); and

The House Bill relative to the membership of the Millbury Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 1101) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Paula Daggett,—
sick leave.

Gary
Kellenberger.

Millbury
Redevelopment
Authority.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Traphagen, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see House, No. 1464, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Dwyer of Woburn, Gordon of Bedford, Kaufman of Lexington, Lombardo of Billerica, and Rogers of Cambridge moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly, a member of the Senate from the Fourth Middlesex District from 2009 to 2017, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.